

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Eshleman Farm

Reid Vicinity

private

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District 27
Map 10 - 11
Parcel 33

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Eshleman Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Reid Road, West of Paradise Church Road.

CITY, TOWN

Reid

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John M. & Orpha Grace Eshleman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 6

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 366

Folio #: 393

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex known as Abraham Eshleman's "home farm" is located north of Reid Road about one half mile west of Paradise Church Road west of Reid in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on a slight hill and faces east.

The house is a two story, four bay brick structure resting on roughly coursed stone foundations which become a full story in height at the front elevation. The two southern bays of the front elevation are recessed beneath a double porch.

Bricks forming the walls are laid in American or common bond at all elevations with, generally, seven courses of stretcher bricks between rows of headers.

Windows and doors have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Wide wooden lintels are present above the openings. Most main story windows are flanked with pairs of three panel shutters. Other windows have pintles indicating that shutters were present at one time. Most windows have six over six pane double hung sashes.

The main entrance in the front elevation is located within the enclosed double porch. The porch is entered ~~by~~^{through} the south end wall which has a six panel door hung beneath a narrow transom.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Small brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

North of the house is a frame bank barn and other buildings related to agricultural use.

The structures appear to be in good condition and stand on a tract containing 52.66 acres, part of the land grants, "Nicholas' Contrivance" and "All I could Get."

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PERIOD

REHISTORIC

1400-1499

1500-1599

1600-1699

1700-1799

X 1800-1899

1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

X AGRICULTURE

X ARCHITECTURE

ART

COMMERCE

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNITY PLANNING

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LAW

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SCULPTURE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

THEATER

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Deeds to this property refer to it as Abraham Eshleman's "Home Farm." At his death in 1902, Abraham Eshleman's will stated that this 52 1/2 acre farm could be purchased by his grandson A. Clinton Martin at the rate of \$75. per acre, (Will Liber J/108). Martin purchased the farm in 1902 for \$3949.22. (116/657). In 1961 Mary A. Martin and Aaron D. Martin sold the farm to the present owners.

During the 1850's Abraham purchased several parcels of land, parts of "Nicholas' Contrivance" and "All I Could Get" including a 27 1/2 acre tract from his father, Peter Eshleman who owned a large amount of land near Reid. (IN11/693, IN7/606).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 52.66 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

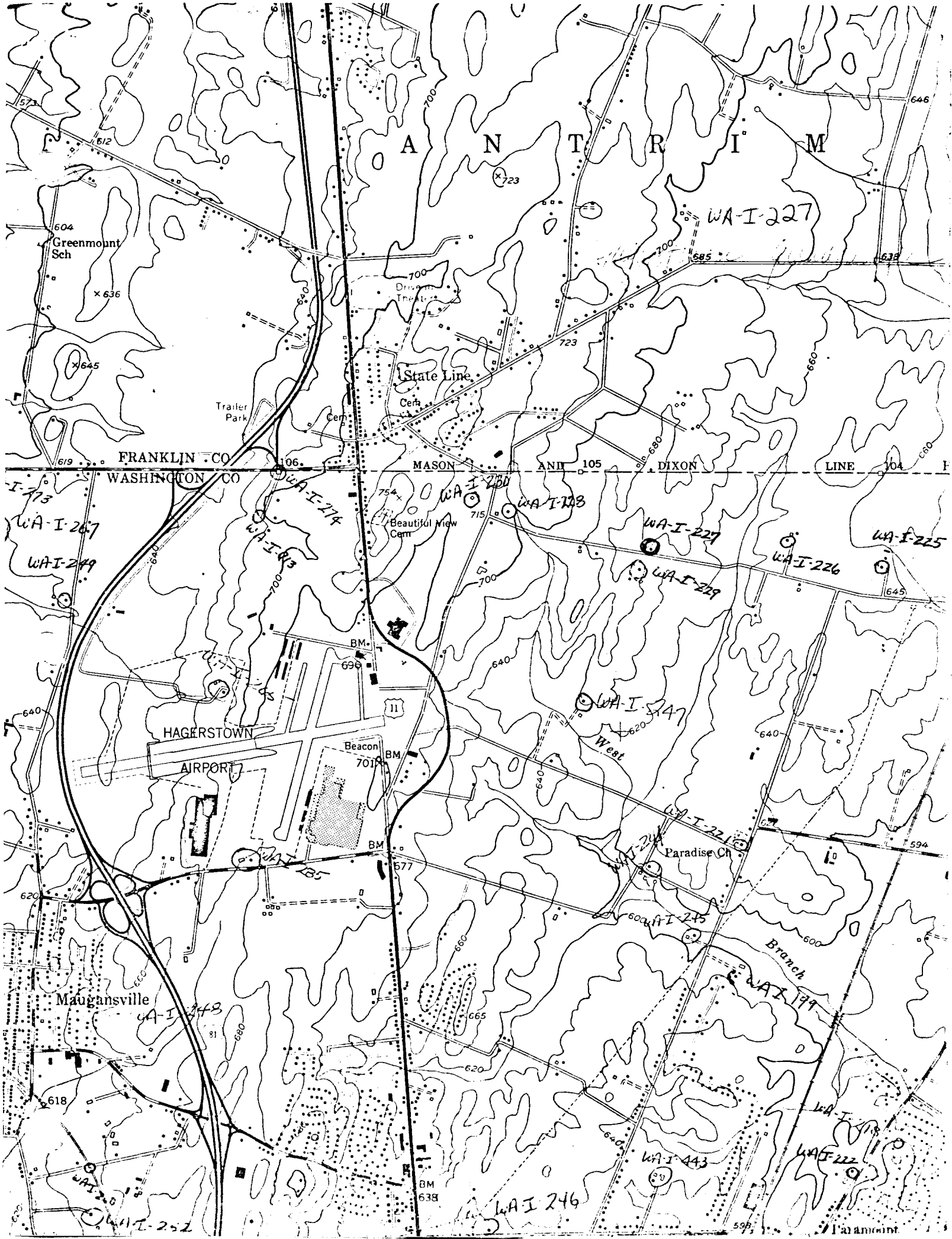
STATE

Maryland 21740

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